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REMARKS

I. The Restriction Requirement

The examiner issued a Restriction Requirement on March 6, 2007 requiring restriction of the claims of the above-identified application to one of three inventions. The applicants hereby elect to proceed with the examination of the Group III invention directed to a method of producing hirudin using a transgenic non-human mammal of claims 10-11 and 21-22. This election is made with traverse.

II. The Preliminary Amendment

Non-elected claims 1-10, 12-16 and 18-20 are withdrawn from the application in the Preliminary Amendment above. Moreover, elected claims 10-11 and 21-22 are amended to convert them into independent claims including the features of the claims upon which they depend.

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